## BEFORE THE STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2006

## ORIGINAL

## PROCEEDINGS

in the above-captioned matter, before the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Alpha Blackburn, Chairperson, taken before me, Lindy L. Meyer, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana, County of Shelby, at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Center, Room C, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 3:18 o'clock p.m.

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1 3:18 o'clock p.m. December 15, 2006 2 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Good 4 afternoon. The Indiana Civil Rights Commission 5 is now in public session. You have minutes from October and November's meetings. May I have a 6 7 motion to approve them? 8 COMM. BAYNARD: Did we get November's 9 meeting's minutes? 10 COMM. RAMOS: I saw October's. 11 COMM. BAYNARD: I didn't see 12 November's. 13 MS. SHARP: It's just October's. 14 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I'm sorry? 15 MS. SHARP: It's just October's. 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. Am I 17 holding the wrong copy? 18 COMM. CARTER: I would move to accept 19 the October --20 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 21 motion to accept the minutes of October 27th? 22 COMM. BAYNARD: Second. 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?

COMM. CARTER: Aye.

COMM. RAMOS: Aye.

COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.

COMM. GIDNEY: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone

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(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And you've just been handed the fantastic and beautiful Financial Management Report.

MR. CHANDLER: Good afternoon,
Commissioners. You all have a company before you of the November 30th, 2006 Financial Report.
There's really not much change as we're in that part of the year right now where a lot of the business is kind of slow and disbursements are kind of slow right now.

You've got a summary of where we are right now with regards to all of the balances and all of the fund accounts. Right now the total agency fund balance is sitting at 476,488, and all of the following pages you've got the detailed breakdown of where we are right now with regards

to the balances and all of the distributions -- or disbursements that we've got during the month of November right now.

And unless we've got any explicit or detailed questions with regards to anything, that's all I've got on the report as it stands.

COMM. RAMOS: Mandatory reversion is seven percent?

MR. CHANDLER: That's the percentage with regards to the appropriations that the state holds back.

COMM. RAMOS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: How did it come out on the conference?

MR. CHANDLER: The conference was actually quite successful. We had, if I'm not mistaken, with regards to attendance, about a hundred and forty-five people in attendance. Everyone seemed to be really pleased with the reception that we were able to get from the city. They were quite pleased with the city itself.

The cooperation that was done between Indiana Civil Rights as a co-host came off quite

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well, and I believe that overall, everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly with the conference and the classes and everything that everybody attended, they were really happy with it.

The overall response from the people that attended, from what I saw and from what people expressed to me, was that they really enjoyed themselves and they would gladly come back again. And I know that the conference, as far as next year is concerned, is scheduled to be in Atlanta, Georgia.

MS. CDE BACA: And next year's conference will be a joint conference with NAHRW and IAOHRA.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Maybe we can arrange for the Commissioners to experience that Atlanta conference --

MR. CHANDLER: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- if we plan well enough in advance. How did we come out on the money is really what I was asking.

MR. CHANDLER: We did -- well, I'm still finalizing a lot of the budget with

everything, because we're still going through a lot of the expenses, there's still some income coming in, still some expenses going out.

In terms of the revenue that came in with the -- we were looking at, from what we brought in, a little over \$29,000 that came in with regards to the moneys that came in from the registrations and the bags and whatnot that were taken in and whatnot, so we didn't do too bad on it.

I think the only thing that probably hindered the attendance and whatnot, you know, was the fact that the conference was held during election week. Other than that, I think attendance and everything came off quite well.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Great.

Any questions?

(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: New business.

MS. CDE BACA: Okay. New business,

Judge Scott.

MR. SCOTT: Well, the first matter on the new business is the IUPUI issues raised by

African-Americans, and the Urban League has taken leadership with respect to that and has had the opportunity to be with the students and accepted a program that involves the students as well as the administration of the IUPUI campus.

And so, at least to the extent that the students are speaking greater consideration and fairer treatment, we are aware of their concerns and are participating in the efforts that the Urban League is directing in terms of meeting these students.

I don't have anything in particular to point out at this point in time regarding those meetings; however, I just wanted to make sure the Commissioners knew that more than reading it in the newspapers, the Commission staff is aware of what is occurring, and certainly we are interested in what may unfold in the near future.

I don't know if there are any questions that anyone has regarding that.

(No response.)

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{MR}}$.$  SCOTT: If not, I'll then go to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday

Commission. And for all those present, especially our guests from the public, I want to mention that our holiday celebration for the State of Indiana will be January 11th. It will be during the noon hour, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 o'clock in the rotunda, and that we have a speaker, Brandon Cosby, who will participate in the program.

And we will still have the Youth Summit.

I want to mention this aspect of the Youth Summit to the Commissioners. You've heard us use that phrase before. I want you to know that we've also expanded the Summit, and we are beginning to talk about also a Youth Forum, so that the contact that occurs between the other people who are involved who come to the State Capitol to celebrate in January have a continual contact with the Commission staff and with others during the period of time after that and before the next event will occur.

And we're hoping to expand that in terms of what we're doing with respect to education, what we're doing with respect to providing

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assistance to young Hoosiers as they make their way to adulthood. But I would like to make sure that all are aware of our January 11th program and that we invite you to participate.

We are expecting a wonderful turnout that has occurred from the various schools throughout the state. In fact, we had to move the location from the government building to the Madam B.J.

Walker building, and with the assistance of Eric Chandler, we have been able to obtain the use of an auditorium in that building, which will expand and make it available to more students, expand the -- or increase the number of students who can participate.

COMM. RAMOS: What's the vehicle in which these schools are notified to make their decisions?

MS. CDE BACA: We send out requests to -- or information packets to every -- virtually every school in the state, and then they respond.

COMM. RAMOS: Okay.

MS. CDE BACA: But we have a database

that has every school in the state, and we send a list to them, to middle and high schools across the state.

COMM. RAMOS: Do you get a mixture of participation?

MS. CDE BACA: We do get a mixture. Last year we had -- I believe last year we even had students from as far away as Evansville.

COMM. RAMOS: Hmm. As far as minority representation, predominantly African-American, but Hispanic, Asian --

MS. CDE BACA: Yes.

COMM. RAMOS: -- Caucasian?

MR. SCOTT: Yeah, we had a wonderful turnout from the Latino community, and we are trying to expand so that those who are from the other culture centers of our community have the -- are aware of the program and can certainly increase participation so that it's not totally a program that is addressing African-Americans and Anglos or white students, as Dr. King would certainly not only urge, but would require.

COMM. RAMOS: Can you provide that in

soft copy, Christine?

MS. CDE BACA: Yes.

COMM. RAMOS: Can you send me a copy, and perhaps all of the Commissioners? Because I work a lot with the schools, and --

MS. CDE BACA: Okay.

COMM. RAMOS: -- I'd certainly like to see somebody who's representative on the Latino side as well --

MS. CDE BACA: I will do that.

COMM. RAMOS: -- and so forth in that whole celebration.

MR. SCOTT: Okay. If there are no other questions, we'll then go the third item, and that is appellate review, and with respect to appellate review, we had questions that certainly arose, and we wanted to walk with the Commissioners through the Commission's own rules as to how review of a no probable cause would be handled in the course of the Commission's business, and also how we administratively should be responding so that the Commissioners have first responsibility on the appeal, and all of

the Commissioners have it at the forefront from the staff.

And I believe you have before you, or somewhere within reach, a copy of certainly our statutes, 22-9-1-6, which speaks to the purpose and the powers of the Commission, and certainly the Commission has the power to adopt rules to carry out its charge under the Indiana Civil Rights law.

And I mention that as broadly as that, and you need not focus necessarily on that statute, but at least that identifies where the legislative intent and authority granted to the Commission exists.

Then going to our rules, the rules that the Commission has adopted, we have rule 910 IAC 1-3-2, investigation and findings, appeals and dismissal of matters. And I'm going to walk you through, focusing more on an appeal of a no probable cause determination.

And as you know, in subsection (g) 13-2 -- 1-3-2, subsection (g), there is no appeal for a probable cause determination. And the sense of

that is that the determination by the administrative law judge will either uphold or deny the business of discrimination, so in effect, the appeal will be handled that way.

But with respect to no probable cause matters, if we begin with subsection (g), that a party aggrieved by a finding of the Director or Deputy Director must seek appeal within 15 days, and this appeal would be reviewed by the Commissioners.

And a written appeal of that finding of the Commission, because you have delegated to the Director or the Deputy Director the authority and power to make rulings on behalf of the Commission, no probable cause or probable cause. As paragraph (h) suggests, as is our practice, the Chair appoints a Commissioner to review and rule on each appeal.

If we go then to subsection (1), (h)(1), you will notice that the reviewing Commissioner determines that a finding of no probable cause might be reversed, not a determination that it should be, not even a determination that rises to

the level of a recommendation of the Commission, but after reviewing the matter before the Commissioners, if you believe that reversal might be in order, then there is a requirement that each respondent shall be notified of that potentiality and allow 15 days to object in writing.

So, in essence, if a Commissioner, while reviewing a file, believes there is a basis that might cause the matter to be reversed, the Commissioners should give notice to Christine or me, the Deputy Director or the Director, so that we then can issue notice to the respondents and give the respondent 15 days in which to object in writing.

Then the Commissioners should set that file aside and await any objections that may be sent to the Commission's offices by a respondent. Then the Commissioners will receive that and include that in the matters as the Commissioners deliberate in his or her review of the no probable cause determination.

In the course of the proceedings and as we

provide information to you as each monthly meeting comes up, there is an opportunity that there would be material submitted, and that, of course, would be -- I'm sorry -- the materials that the Commissioner has would be the file, and in that file includes information that came in from complainants and respondents, and certain deliberative material which is included.

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The Commissioner then makes a recommendation to the Commission, and what we will do in the future is provide to all of the Commissioners a copy of the complaint for that particular matter under review. And if there is an objection that is submitted by a respondent, we will provide that to the Commissioners as well.

Once the meeting at which the Commissioner makes a recommendation is occurring, the Commissioners, if you look at subsection (2) of (h), the very end portion, the Commission shall consider only evidence submitted to the reviewing Commissioner in ruling on an appeal of the Director's or Deputy Director's finding of no

probable cause.

whether we have individual complainants or respondents within the meeting in one week. I believe they should be accommodated, and certainly they're allowed to speak, but at the same time, that Commissioner makes a recommendation and the other Commissioners will be hearing the same statements, so that that language of the requirement that the Commissioners shall consider only evidence submitted to the reviewing Commissioner will not be violated.

The Commissioner will then make a recommendation and neither a recommendation — there are actually three outcomes. One is that the no probable cause finding shall be upheld. If that is the case and there is a vote by the Commissioners to uphold the no probable cause, then we're in paragraph three and a notice of dismissal will be issued following that meeting.

The Commission may determine that they need to remand the matter for further inquiry.

That would then take us into paragraph four.

Once that matter's remanded, which should include specific instructions as to the reasons for the remand, then the investigator can conduct the completion of the investigation pursuant to the Commission's instructions.

At least pending the conduct of that additional inquiry, the determination of no probable cause is set aside, pending the further investigation. After that further investigation is completed, the matter is submitted to the Director or Deputy Director as the case may be, and if the Deputy Director or Director stands on their original determination, the Director or Deputy Director can do so without issuing another finding.

However, if the Deputy Director or
Director decides that the matter needs to be
issued as a PC, they can then issue that
determination in the normal course of Commission
business, and the matter would then proceed as if
it was originally a probable cause determination.

Now, paragraph five is very tricky, and

later today you're going to hear a presentation from one of the attorneys in our office, Fred Bremer, who will be discussing a regulation to address retaliation.

Assuming the Commission authorizes the staff to proceed in that regard, I would like to have the Commission authorize that we proceed to have paragraph five amended, because paragraph five, in essence, takes the Commissioner that has reviewed the file and has made a recommendation that there should be either further investigation or that there should be a reversal, that this should be a probable cause matter, and then take that Commissioner out of the calculus in reviewing that matter further, and to me that just does not make sense.

Second of all, even though the proviso appears in this paragraph that if the Commissioner is necessary in order not to lose a quorum, the general rule, Robert's Rules of Order, as well as case law with respect to corporations, is that once a quorum has been established, the quorum is not destroyed or

altered by the mere fact that a member necessary for the quorum no longer participates in the proceedings.

Our rule now makes it implicit that if a Commissioner suggests that a matter that is no PC should be reversed, that it should be a PC, we then take that Commissioner out of the calculus of actions of the Commission, and that just does not make sense.

So, in essence, what would occur, if the Commissioners received the files they have today and they are engaged in a recusal because a complainant has appealed, and in the course of their review they determine that "Hey, this is a matter that might need to be reversed," that Commissioner should contact the Director or the Deputy Director and so advise them.

And not necessarily that you've already decided beyond any doubt that you are recommending this, but if you believe it might be, after full read, then we would notify the respondents. You would -- that Commissioner would then set aside the file, we would give the

respondent 15 days to object in writing.

We would provide the respondent probably with a second copy of the no PC, a copy of the complaint, and then allow that respondent to object, as our rules state, then provide any objection that is filed in our office, which must be filed within 15 days of receipt, provide that to the Commissioner.

And then the Commissioner for that matter under consideration as the Commissioner then prepares to make his or her recommendation to colleague Commissioners. That then gives the respondents due process and an opportunity to speak to the matters that are before the Commission.

As we place matters that are to be heard on the calendar for the Commission, we would then certainly provide at least information to the complainant and respondent. They might want to appear, they might oh not want to. As the Commissioner then makes his or her recommendation to the applicable Commissioners, then the Commission can uphold the determination of the

Director or Deputy Director, or reverse, or, without reversing, remand for further investigation.

What we would also do, in preparation for the meeting, every Commissioner would receive a copy of the complaint that was filed in any matter under review. The complaints are generally two pages in length and are not very lengthy. The Commissioners would also receive any objections that were filed by a respondent, but that would only occur in the event a Commissioner felt that this might be a case that would be reversed, and there are not that many cases that are reversed.

Then after the meeting has been held and the Commissioners have voted, paragraph (i) comes into play, and in the event any of these findings have been upheld and any right to appeal has been exhausted, then the Director or the Deputy Director would issue a matter of dismissal, and it would probably be, again, as we collect signatures, we would have a form, which would then allow for the Chair to sign on behalf of the

Commission, so that we can issue the final action 2 of the Commission, that action which follows the 3 exhaustion of the administrative appellate 4 rights. 5 Are there any questions that any of the Commissioners have of me or -- I think Judge 6 7 Lange's probably there, and Christine as well. 8 (No response.) 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: There are no 10 questions. 11 MS. CDE BACA: No questions. 12 MR. LANGE: No. 13 MS. CDE BACA: The next thing you 14 have on the agenda was illegal immigration. 15 MR. SCOTT: Illegal immigration, and I would actually like to defer that to the next 16 17 meeting. 18 And also, Chair Blackburn --19 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yes. 20 MR. SCOTT: -- if you don't mind, I 21 would like to have the Old Business precede the 22 New Business on the agenda. 23

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN:

1 already gone through the New Business, so --2 MR. SCOTT: Right. No, I mean for 3 future meetings. 4 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Well, in that 5 I didn't draft the agenda, I think that's just 6 fine. 7 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you. 8 believe next would be --9 MS. CDE BACA: Old Business, and that's Commission Retaliation Regulatory Scheme. 10 11 MR. SCOTT: Correct. 12 And Commissioners, I will leave Christine to introduce Fred Bremer, but I do just want to 13 comment that Fred has been a member of the staff 14 for several years and is performing very well in 15 16 our office and performing in a manner which, I think, each and every Commissioner would be very 1.7 18 pleased. 19 MS. CDE BACA: Fred? 20 MR. BREMER: Thank you, Christine. 21 MS. CDE BACA: Sure. 22 MR. BREMER: The Commission has on its agenda a resolution to approve the Director 23

to commence the procedures for adoption of new regulations regarding the subject of retaliation.

Retaliation is a term that has been used throughout many years by the Commission to describe activities where people are being penalized in some way for coming before this Commission with their complaints and for other reasons, participating in hearings and so forth.

We've always used the term retaliation.
We've used the designation RT for certain types of complaints that fall within that category.
However, the actual term does not appear in the act itself or in the existing regulations.

So, one thing that's going to be accomplished by the regulation is to finally officially introduce this term into the Commission's law. And there's a way that -- a roundabout way that it's brought in these regulations, because we're finding it necessary to define what a protected activity is.

In other words, to talk about what people should be safe in doing in terms of dealing with this Commission in the future, we're calling

these things -- we're styling these things protected activities, not protected classes, but protected activities.

And there's a whole list of them there that relate to the -- in large part, to the little portion of the statute that says the Commission is empowered to prevent people from discharging, spelling or otherwise discriminating against any other person by testifying in a hearing or in any way assisting the Commission in any matter under its investigation.

It's that last category, assisting -- in any way assisting the Commission in any manner under its investigation. This is a broad category. There are a lot of -- on the second page of the -- or the second numbered page of the resolution papers that I believe you have, that idea is expanded upon in nine different categories, subcategories, specifying what -- the public will have notice, you know, what we deem to be retaliation.

We have done that informally all of these years, and well, but this is notice now, finally,

if this regulation is adopted. We, of course, define retaliation, as I've mentioned before. We relate it to the protected activities, and then there is a procedure, since the Commission is given the power in terms of preventing retaliation, that calls up images in the law of the Commission having authority to enjoin people from retaliating against others for assisting the

That's why the terminology on the third numbered page, temporary cease and desist orders -- order -- is used. That is borrowed right from the law as practiced by attorneys for temporary injunctions, and the same concepts are described here about how this would come about.

Commission in its important tasks.

This procedure certainly is very unique to the regulation. We haven't done anything similar to that over the years, but the idea is that the Commission has the authority to prevent something, and we've got to have a mechanism by which to do that.

It isn't -- up to now we've been more or less waiting for something to happen and then

accepting a case for retaliation and investigating it like any other case, but this takes the initiative back to the Commission to get out there and prevent this from happening in the first place.

And, of course, that goes on there on the fourth and fifth numbered pages in some detail, giving some structure to this and the period of time we can issue temporary orders, in some cases without notice, and we have done that, the commission has done that, these -- procedures like this, with no script to go by.

This provides a script, and something that can be pointed out to the general public, this is what we're going to do, this is the authority we have, this is where everybody stands on this procedure.

The Commission hasn't adopted new rules for quite some time. It's been some years back. This is, of course, a real procedure. It involves, first of all, giving kind of a general notice in the Indiana Register that there's going to be a rule on this subject, kind of summarizing

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it. That has to be so many days in advance, then, of an actual publication in newspapers, in the Indiana Register, the actual text of the rule as proposed.

And then there's a hearing on it and a vote about that. Some have been here before on the Commission. We have gone through that.

Basically at the hearing, the Commission can -- as a result of public comment, may come up with a different text than what is published. The whole procedure contemplates that being done. But this gets the ball rolling, and that's what we're asking the Commission to do.

Judge Scott, is that --

MR. SCOTT: Yes, I think that -
MR. BREMER: -- what you had in mind
for me to present?

MR. SCOTT: Yes, sir. And only one matter, and that is that the statute not only authorizes the Commission to so act, but it makes it mandatory, because it states the Commission --well, I shouldn't say necessarily this regulation, but it takes steps to prevent

retaliation, and so the language used by the 2 legislature is "shall." 3 MR. BREMER: That little word means a 4 lot to us, doesn't it? 5 MR. SCOTT: Yes, it certainly does. 6 And I would say this: We are here today 7 before the Commission with this presentation 8 solely to obtain a resolution that directs the 9 staff to proceed in its approach to take the 10 necessary steps to have the rules prepared in 11 proper form and then announced and publicized. 12 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Are there any 13 questions? 14 (No response.) 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Hearing none, 16 may I have a motion to approve the resolution? 17 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 18 COMM. RAMOS: Seconded. 19 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 20 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 21 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 22 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 23 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 2 opposed? 3 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 4 5 You have consent agreements. They're 6 listed in your agenda as Nichols versus Indy 7 Subs, LLC; Nichols versus Indy Subs, LLC, with 8 the next -- the number. You'll get those numbers 9 from our agenda; Jordan verses IUPUI; Cagle 10 versus Orange County Farm Bureau Cooperative 11 Association. 12 May I have a motion to accept those 13 agreements? 14 MR. BREMER: May I speak to the 15 Nichols consent agreements just a moment? 16 If I may, I wanted to inform the 17 Commission, the Chantelle Nichols and Michelle 18 Nichols cases against Subway have been settled. 19 The settlement documents are in transit, the 20 actual documents with the signatures to this 21 Commission. We have both obviously --22 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Right. 23 MR. BREMER: -- by fax. We thought

perhaps if the Commission could approve them 1 2 provisionally upon the originals arriving within 3 a reasonable time, that that would be a good 4 thing since next month's meeting is a snow month 5 and we don't know when this meeting might be 6 happening. 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: That does not 8 seem unreasonable. 9 May I have a motion to accept? 10 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 11 COMM. BAYNARD: Seconded. 12 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 13 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 14 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 15 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 16 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 17 MR. BREMER: Thank you. 18 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you, 19 Mr. Bremer. 20 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And may I 21 have a motion then to accept the other consent 22 agreements? 23 COMM. GIDNEY: So moved.

COMM. BAYNARD: Second. 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 3 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 4 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 5 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 6 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 8 opposed? 9 (No response.) 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: We have --11 COMM. CARTER: Madam Chair --12 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yes. 13 COMM. CARTER: -- before we leave the 14 consent agreements, I have something I would like to ask the staff, and that is: For some years 15 now, since we raised the issue before, we have 16 17 had the original complaint attached to the consent agreement so that we know what they're 18 talking about, and in the past couple of months 19 20 that procedure has stopped. 21 And I would -- unless there's a reason not to include the original complaint, I would like 22 23 that to be recommenced, because when we read

these consent agreements, we're supposed to 2 approve of them, but if we don't know what the 3 complaint was --4 MS. CDE BACA: We will make sure that the complaints are, from here on out, attached to 5 6 the consent agreements. 7 COMM. CARTER: Thank you. 8 MS. CDE BACA: You're welcome. 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: We have 10 proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and 11 The first is Carter versus Wal-Mart order. 12 Stores East, L.P. 13 May I have a motion to accept? 14 COMM. BAYNARD: So moved. 15 COMM. CARTER: Second. 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 17 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 18 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 19 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 2.0 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 22 opposed? 23 (No response.)

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And Chambers versus Becich -- Becich and Crayne.

May I have a motion to accept?

COMM. GIDNEY: So moved.

COMM. RAMOS: Seconded.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?

COMM. CARTER: Aye.

COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.

COMM. RAMOS: Aye.

COMM. GIDNEY: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you.

And Chamberlin versus Hickerson.

COMM. CARTER: Madam Chair, in the case of Chamberlin versus Jimmy Dale Hickerson doing business as Hickerson Transport, I move that the Commission enter findings of fact, conclusions of law and order that modifies the order proposed by the Administrative Law Judge in his proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law in order in the following respects: One, the period for which back pay is awarded is adjusted by awarding back pay for 20 months to the date of the hearing, rather than the 12 months proposed

by the Administrative Law Judge; and two, awards 1 2 back pay to Complainant for days on which he was not called by Respondent for 48 days, instead of 3 the 19 days proposed by the Administrative Law 4 5 Judge. 6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And the 7 Administrative Law Judge will fill in the details 8 for us on that? MR. LANGE: I will have an order for 9 10 you next meeting. 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 12 Thank you. 13 May I have a motion to accept? 14 COMM. RAMOS: So moved. 15 COMM. BAYNARD: Second. 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 17 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 18 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 19 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 20 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 22 opposed? 23 (No response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 2 There being no other orders -- oh, yes, 3 there is one more. 4 Comm. Baynard? 5 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes, Madam Chair. 6 the case of Hancher versus Quail Run Associates 7 Limited Partnership, I move that the Commission 8 enter an order that overrules the Respondents 9 objections and adopts the findings of fact, 10 conclusions of law and order proposed by the Administrative Law Judge in his proposed findings 11 12 of fact, conclusions of law and order. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 14 motion to accept? 15 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 16 COMM, RAMOS: Seconded. 17 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 18 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 19 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 20 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 21 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 22 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 23 opposed?

(No response.) 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 3 I reviewed the cases of Kidd versus Anna's Linen and Wilson versus Marikol Marketing, and 4 move to uphold the finding of no probable cause. 5 May I have a motion to accept the 6 7 recommendation? 8 COMM. GIDNEY: So moved. 9 COMM. CARTER: Second. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 11 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 12 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 13 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 14 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 16 opposed? 17 (No response.) 18 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 19 In the case of Weddle-Van Sickle versus Franklin Family Restaurant, I'd like to continue 20 21 that case. 22 Comm. Carter? 23 COMM. CARTER: Madam Chair, in the

1	cases of Tamika Wheeler versus Indianapolis
2	Housing Agency, Fox versus Tendercare Home Health
3	Services, Inc., and Ennen versus The Kroger
4	Company, I recommend we uphold the finding of no
5	probable cause for those three cases.
6	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a
7	motion to accept the recommendation?
8	COMM. BAYNARD: So moved.
9	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a
10	second?
11	COMM. GIDNEY: Second.
12	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
13	COMM. CARTER: Aye.
14	COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
15	COMM. RAMOS: Aye.
16	COMM. GIDNEY: Aye.
17	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone
18	opposed?
19	(No response.)
20	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you.
21	COMM. CARTER: Oh, excuse me, Madam
22	Chair.
23	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yes.

COMM. CARTER: The case of Tamika 1 2 Wheeler versus Indianapolis Housing Agency is --3 it has been brought to my attention was not one 4 of my cases. These are from a couple of months 5 ago --6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, I see. 7 COMM. CARTER: -- and Comm. Ramos has 8 that case, so --9 COMM. RAMOS: I do. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So, we'll ask 11 Mr. Ramos to make the report on reviewing this 12 one. 13 COMM. RAMOS: In the case of Tamika 14 Wheeler versus Indianapolis Housing Authority, I 15 make a motion to move to uphold the Director's 16 finding of no probable cause. 17 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And may I 18 have a motion to accept that recommendation? 19 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 20 COMM. BAYNARD: Second. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 22 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 23 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.

1 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 2 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone opposed? 4 5 (No response.) 6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 7 opposed? 8 (No response.) 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 10 Do we have a report on the cases reviewed 11 by Comm. Crenshaw? 12 MS. SHARP: No. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 14 Then what about Comm. Garcia? 15 MS. SHARP: Yes. Comm. Garcia recommends that we uphold the findings in the 16 17 case of Harris versus Promex. He wants it 18 upheld. 19 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 20 May I have a motion to accept that 21 recommendation? 22 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 23 COMM. RAMOS: Second.

COMM. GIDNEY: Second. 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 3 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 4 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 5 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 6 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 8 opposed? 9 (No response.) 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 11 Comm. Gidney? 12 COMM. GIDNEY: Okay. I move for a continuance in the case of Locke versus Prestwick 13 14 Golf Course. 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 16 I'd like to assign to Comm. Carter to 17 please review the case of Kapalamula versus Arbor 18 at Ironwood and O'Connell and Nimon. 19 Do you need spelling on any of that? 20 (No response.) 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 22 Thank you. 23 And now an Administrative Update, the

Director's Report.

MS. CDE BACA: Judge Scott?

MR. SCOTT: Yes. With respect to the Director's Report, you see, I think, on the agenda the Commission for Women, and that is on the agenda really as a state purpose for number two pertaining to Hispanic and Latino affairs.

The Commission on Admission Via Government has made a recommendation that those two agencies come under the auspices of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

There -- it makes sense -- it's some of the deliberations is the basis for doing that. While I have not had extensive meetings with the staff of the Commission for Women, I think there are some benefits to that Commission coming under our auspices, and also hopefully have an opportunity to become more involved with women and issues affecting women.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Does it require any action on the part of the Commission?

MR. SCOTT: I apologize; I could not hear you.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Does it require any action on the part of the Commissioners?

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MR. SCOTT: No, it does not.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay.

MR. SCOTT: It will be a legislative matter before the General Assembly. Obviously the Commission has the opportunity, though, to take a position in support or in opposition or no position at all, so I wanted the Commission to be aware, in the event that there was concern that any of the Commissioners might have.

with respect to the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs, as you know, I am an ex-officio member of that agency and have enjoyed very much my relationship with the Commissioners as well as with Amy Mendoza and other members of the Commission staff, and they are -- I think it would be fair to say, they are pleased with the process, and we are looking forward to the legislation that will lead for that eventuality.

Let me say this, however: We have no space in our office to house either of those two

agencies, and fortunately the plan is that they will inevitably remain in the space they currently occupy.

So, I think it will be a positive for the Commission, so that we will add two constituencies that will identify with us, although I think they general do, based on national origin and race and gender discrimination. However, I think it gives us an opportunity to become more involved and more aware of the issues that relate to the members of those -- or the constituents of those two committees.

The third matter is ethics training, and I believe you have been provided with information from Christine regarding that, and I just wanted to place it on the agenda to just really encourage your participation.

There have been so many changes in the rules recently regarding ethical mat -- or matters that are of ethical concern that arise before employees of the government, officers of the government, as well as individuals that serve

on this Commission, and I think providing you the information, and as much information as we can, is certainly our responsibility as members of your staff. So, we are encouraging and seriously hoping that you will be taking on that additional effort.

with respect to ethical consideration, several of which are two matters which Governor Daniels has put in place, which will affect the cognizance of two points of government, the second one of which actually is in adverse conflict to the Governor in terms of his professional plans or what he might do in the future.

So, he is holding a tighter rein on the conduct of employees or those affiliated with state government, and with those changes, it becomes really important to have that additional training, because the last group has certainly been.

And I think that completes the Director's report.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you.

And the Deputy Director's report.

MS. CDE BACA: You have before you the November 2006 monthly production report. Our total pending inventory at this point is 473 cases. During the month of November we had two probable cause findings. We've had 55 new intake additions to the inventory, 27 dispositions, and that leaves us with 473 cases.

Resolution Unit, during the month of November there were -- eight cases resulted in settlement or closure. This was -- this will be the -- or that was the second-to-last month for the IUPUI students that were doing mediations for us. We had 14 students, as you know, that participated in the program this year, and they all did a very good job for Steve doing their mediations, so we had eight cases resulting in settlement during the month of November.

And that is it.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. I thank you very much.

Are there any additional announcements?

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MR. CHANDLER: I've got one. not really so much an announcement as much as it's just a procedural notation that I wanted to make to the Commissioners with regards to the travel vouchers when you turn them in, and it's just a couple of things.

One is to please make sure when you're filling them out to make sure that you're signing one -- the one that you are signing, because I've had a couple that haven't been signed when they're turned in.

Two, make sure that you are signing on the right line, because there's been a couple of cases where some of them have been turned in and they've been signed on the line where I have to sign at, and the auditors are getting picky about it.

And the other is please make sure also that with regards to your travel, that you do put the times that you travel on there, because with regards to per diem, they want the time that you traveled to and from on there to be legal on there, because they're picky about that as well,

so they want the to-and-from times in the round 2 trips on there for that as well, because 3 otherwise we'll have to probably contact you for them as well, or we'll have to fudge it, one or 4 5 the other, and I'd rather not do that. 6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. Thank 7 you. 8 Any other announcements? 9 (No response.) 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Hearing none, 11 may have a moment to say Merry Christmas, happy 12 holidays, and look forward to seeing you in a 13 brand new year. 14 The meeting is adjourned. 15 Thereupon, the proceedings of 16 December 15, 2006 were concluded at 4:17 o'clock p.m. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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